

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA 0	FORM NO. 509
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1 Lexington

Address 1 Bennington Road

Historic Name Francis Smith Dane House

Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Year 1906

Source previous owner

Style Colonial Revival

Architect Edward Goodwin Reed

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

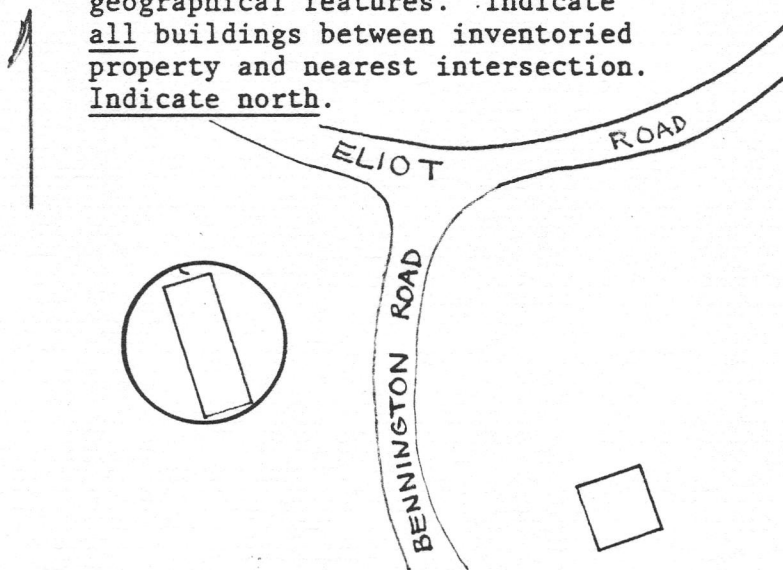
Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 69061 ft.<sup>2</sup>

Setting Suburban residential street with many substantial houses of similar or slightly earlier date.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This well-proportioned Colonial Revival house is strikingly modern in feeling for its 1906 construction date. The portico is a distinctive design of fluted columns, latticework and crossed support beams with exposed shaped ends very Japanese in feeling. Similar exposed beams form the porch to the left. The architect of this building was educated at Harvard (AB 1908) and studied architecture in Paris for one-and-a-half years. He practiced in Lexington for ten years or so and then moved to California. His mother ran the Wildacre Inn at 50 Percy Road. He also designed 43 Highland Avenue adjacent.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The house was built by Francis Smith Dane, a rubber boot and shoe manufacturer in Boston. *Still lived here in 1942.*

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Personal communication from Marsha Dane. *(daughter)*